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SUBJECT: DS/ATA TRAINED BOMB TECHNICIANS RESPOND TO
DEVICE FOUND IN BARBADOS RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD

¶1. According to Barbados daily "The Nation" on 04/06/2006, members of the Royal Barbados Police Force's (RBPF) explosive countermeasures unit responded to a suspicious device discovered in a Barbados residential neighborhood. These RBPF officers received and completed DS/ATA sponsored Explosive Incident Countermeasure training course (ATA-5364) in December ¶2005.

¶2. A resident of the Breedy's Land neighborhood, located near the airport, notified police after a resident found a suspected explosive device lying next to an open garage door with a note inscribed "Open me and you will see".

¶3. The device was comprised of two soft drink bottles wired to a cellular telephone.

¶4. After evacuating the area, the RBPF called in Sgt. David Springer, recent graduate of the DS/ATA explosive countermeasures course.

¶5. Utilizing the bomb suit and x-ray equipment recently provided to the RBPF by the DS/ATA, Sgt. Springer determined the device to be a hoax.

¶6. Residents were quoted in the newspaper as describing the incident as extremely scary in nature as they observed police frantically alerting residence to leave there homes for their safety.

¶7. Post appreciates the support and counter terrorism expertise provided by DS/ATA for the Government of Barbados.

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